

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended)

A concentrated bleach-fixer composition for a silver halide color photographic material, comprising an aminopolycarboxylic acid iron complex and a thiosulfate, wherein the bleach-fixer composition further comprises ~~at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a phosphate salt, polyphosphate salt,~~ an imidazole compound represented by the following formula (1) in an amount of 0.1 to 2.5 mol per liter and a ~~diaminotriazine compound;~~ and the aminopolycarboxylic acid iron complex having an Fe(II) ratio of not less than 50 mol%,

formula (1) (R1)_nA

wherein R1 is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atom which may be substituted by an amino group or hydroxy group, an alkenyl group or a halogen atom; n is an integer of 1 to 3; A is an imidazole moiety.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Original)

The bleach-fixer composition of claim 1, wherein the aminopolycarboxylic acid iron complex has a Fe(II) ratio of not less than 80 mol %.

6. (Original)

The bleach-fixer composition of claim 1, wherein a molar ratio of aminopolycarboxylic acid ligand to iron is within the range of 1.01:1.00 to 1.08:1.00.

7. (Original)

The bleach-fixer composition of claim 1, wherein the bleach-fixer composition exhibits a pH of 4 to 7.

8. (Currently Amended)

The bleach-fixer composition of claim 2 1, wherein at least 80 mol% of an aminopolycarboxylic acid ligand is accounted for by ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid.

9. (Original)

The bleach-fixer composition of claim 8, wherein 100 mol% of an aminopolycarboxylic acid ligand is ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid.

10-11. (Canceled)

12. (Withdrawn)

A method of processing a silver halide color photographic material comprising bleach-fixing an imagewise exposed and developed silver halide photographic material with a bleach-fixer composition as claimed in claim 1.

13. (Canceled)

14. (New)

The bleach-fixer composition of claim 1, wherein the imidazole compound is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of imidazole, 1-methylimidazole, 2-methylimidazole, 4-methylimidazole, 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)imidazole, 4-(2-aminoethyl)imidazole, 2-(2-hydroxyethyl)imidazole, 2-ethylimidazole, 2-vinylimidazole, 4-propylimidazole, 2,4-dimethylimidazole, 2-chloroimidazole and 4,5-di(2-hydroxyethyl)imidazole.